Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Every June for the past 57 years, South Dakota has come to Hot Springs, South Dakota, to watch a group of young ladies compete in the Miss South Dakota Pageant for several thousand dollars in scholarships to our state institutions; and,

Whereas, This is an official preliminary to the Miss America Pageant; and,

Whereas, The new Miss South Dakota goes on to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to receive at least $2,500 more to further her education, an extremely worthy endeavor in view of the present lack of scholarship money available; and,

Whereas, Many young ladies from South Dakota communities and state institutions have the opportunity to develop character, personality, and poise through their participation in the preliminary pageants and the Miss South Dakota Pageant; and,

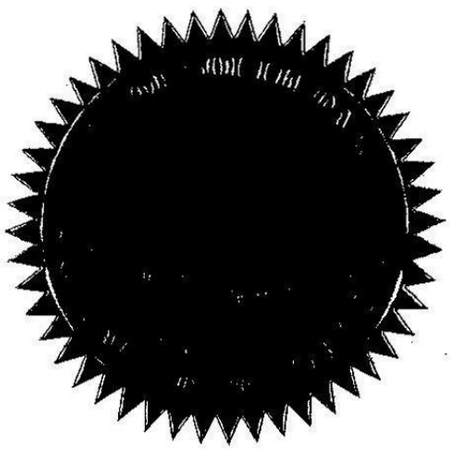
Whereas, Miss South Dakota is, each year, designated as an official representative of the state of South Dakota by a Concurrent Resolution of the South Dakota State Legislature, and is designated, whenever possible, to make personal appearances as an official state representative, to welcome visitors to the state of South Dakota, and greet them on behalf of the Governor and the citizens of this state; and,

Whereas, This three-day pageant provides top entertainment and excitement for the people of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 15-21, 2003, as

MISS SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon the citizens of this state to join me in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State